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In re application of :
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Device and Method for Perfusing Peritoneal
Dialyzing Fluid
**(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
of Serial No. 09/806,686,
Filed April 4, 2001)**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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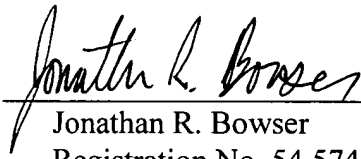
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The present application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/806,686, filed April 4, 2001 which is a national phase application of PCT/JP99/05535, filed October 7, 1999.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	AJ	WO 97/47337 A1	12/1997				Abstract
	AK	EP 112104 B1	06/1984				Abstract
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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